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ON CAPE JUREAUX, WHERE MARK MERLIN IS VACATIONING...

THAT WAS A GREAT TRICK YOU SHOWED ME YESTERDAY, MR. MERLIN! HAVE YOU GOT ANOTHER ONE?

SURE, WILLIE! SEE THIS PAIL FILLED WITH WATER? NOW WATCH! I PASS MY TOWEL OVER IT--

--SAY THE MAGIC WORD--  
**SALIMBO--**  
REMOVE THE TOWEL AND--

--IT'S EMPTY!  
**WOWEE!**  
YOU SURE ARE A GREAT MAGICIAN! BUT I'VE GOT TO GET HOME NOW! GRAMPS WILL BE WAITING FOR ME!

GEE, GRAMPS, I MET THE MOST WONDERFUL MAN! HE KNOWS LOTS OF MAGIC TRICKS--

WILLIE, I TOLD YOU I DIDN'T WANT YOU OUT PAST SIX BELLS! ANOTHER MUTINY, AND I'LL SHIP YOU BACK TO YOUR FOLKS BEFORE SUMMER'S OVER! NOW GET TO BED!



LATER...

THAT WAS WRONG! I TOOK IT OUT ON THE BOY JUST 'CAUSE I BEEN EDGY ALL DAY! GOT TO GET HOLD OF MYSELF! CAN'T CRACK UP LIKE THEM OTHER FELLERS-- HEY! WHAT'S THAT?

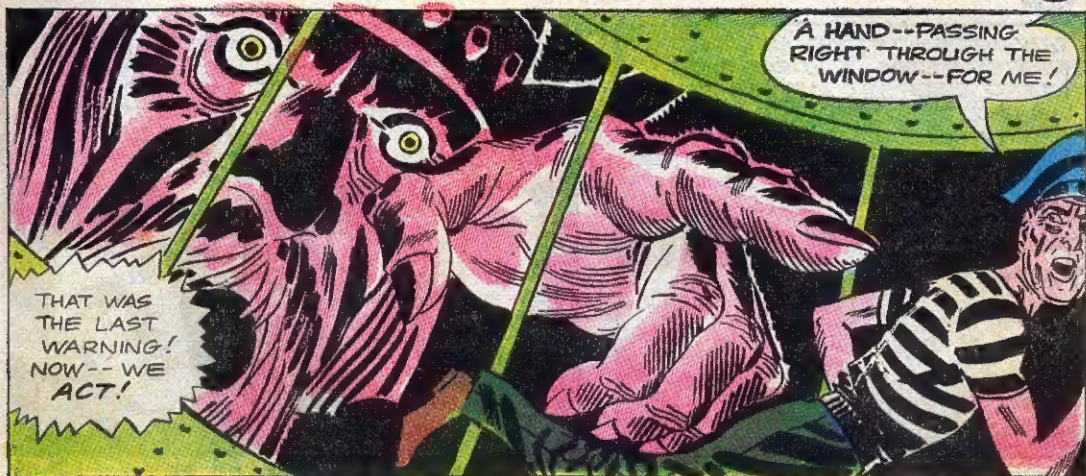


BE GONE FROM THIS PLACE! THE SEA WILL PROTECT ITS OWN! WE NEED NOT YOUR FEEBLE HELP, LANDSMAN!

WHO ARE YOU CALLING A LANDLUBBER? I SPENT ALL MY LIFE AT SEA! ANYWAY, YOU DON'T FRIGHTEN ME! YOU'RE ONLY SOME-THING I'M IMAGINING!

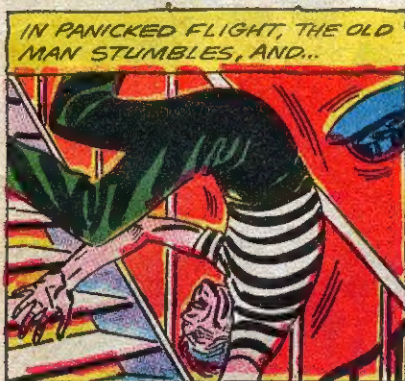






THAT WAS  
THE LAST  
WARNING!  
NOW-- WE  
ACT!

A HAND--PASSING  
RIGHT THROUGH THE  
WINDOW--FOR ME!



IN PANICKED FLIGHT, THE OLD  
MAN STUMBLES, AND...

SOME TIME LATER, AS GRAMPS COMES TO...



WILLIE FETCHED  
ME! YOU'RE ALL  
RIGHT, OLD-TIMER!  
WANT TO TELL  
ME WHAT  
HAPPENED?  
I'M MARK  
MERLIN--

THE FAMOUS SPOOK FIGHTER!  
MAN, AM I GLAD TO SEE  
YOU! WILLIE, YOU RUN  
ALONG TO  
BED NOW!



AND SHORTLY...

--SO THAT'S HOW  
IT IS! THREE  
LIGHTHOUSE  
KEEPERS BEFORE  
ME QUIT, CLAIMIN'  
THE PLACE WAS  
HAUNTED! THIS  
THING TONIGHT--  
IT CAN'T MAKE  
ME QUIT! I'M TOO  
OLD TO GO  
BACK TO  
SEA!

I DON'T THINK  
YOU'LL HAVE  
TO, MR. SEARS!  
LET ME PUT  
A CALL IN  
TO MY  
SECRETARY!



...THAT'S RIGHT,  
ELSA! BRING  
EVERYTHING  
FROM MY  
PERSONAL LIBRARY  
ABOUT THE  
LEGEND OF  
CAPE JUREAUX!  
THEN FLY UP TO  
NEW BEDFORD  
WHERE MY BOAT  
IS DOCKED AND  
TAKE IT THE  
REST OF THE  
WAY!



NEAR DAWN, AS ELSA ARRIVES...

I READ MOST OF  
THIS MATERIAL  
ON THE PLANE!  
THE LEGEND SAYS,  
A GUARDIAN  
SPIRIT OF THE  
SEA DECIDED  
TO PUNISH THE  
EVILEST MEN  
WHO SAILED  
IT!

I RECALL  
THAT MUCH!  
IT CHOSE  
THREE  
CUT-  
THROATS  
FROM  
DIFFERENT  
PARTS OF  
THE WORLD!





# HOUSE OF SECRETS











# HOUSE OF SECRETS



DEPOSITING MARK ON THE OCEAN'S BOTTOM,  
THE SPIRIT VANISHES...

WELCOME, FELLOW PRISONER! IT WAS WE WHO CREATED THE WAVE THAT CRASHED YOUR BOAT INTO THE LIGHTHOUSE! WE WANTED THE SEA SPIRIT TO BLAME YOU--SO THAT YOU, TOO, WOULD LIVE 5,000 YEARS--AND SERVE US!

THE THREE CONDEMNED MEN--  
ALIVE DOWN HERE--  
IN THOSE  
FANTASTIC FORMS!

I SAW YOU PERFORMING YOUR FEAT OF MAGIC FOR THE BOY ON THE BEACH! I KNEW THEN YOU WERE THE MAN TO HELP US FINISH OUR WORK!

WHAT? BUT YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND! THE PAIL OF WATER HAD A FALSE BOTTOM! IT WAS ONLY A TRICK, LIKE THE OTHERS--MERE STAGE MAGIC!



AGAINST HIS PROTESTS, RUDYVIN  
HAULS MARK TO THE SURFACE...

THERE IS OUR CHORE! ALL YOU HAVE TO DO IS HELP US GET RID OF IT, AND WE'LL ALL BE FREE!

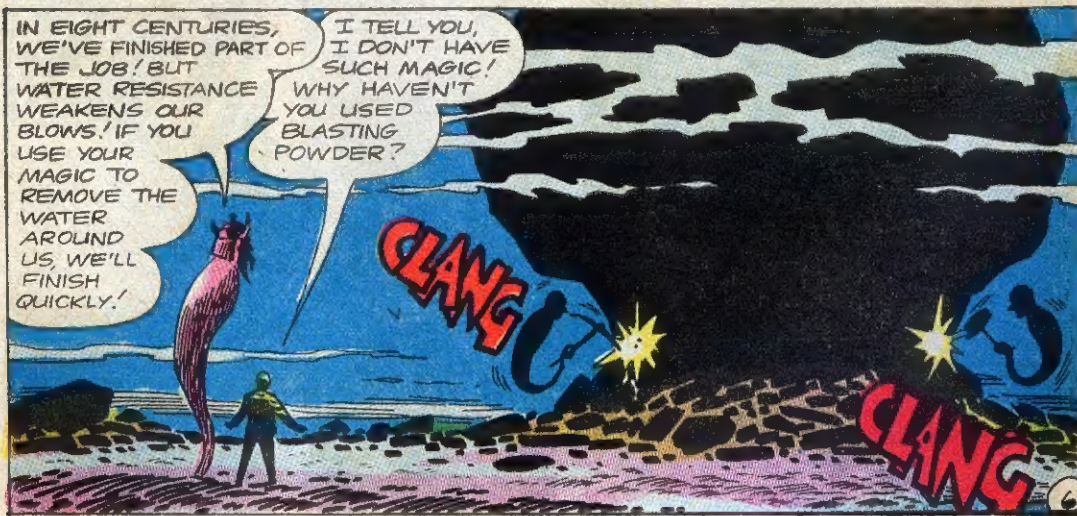


IN EIGHT CENTURIES, WE'VE FINISHED PART OF THE JOB! BUT WATER RESISTANCE WEAKENS OUR BLOWS! IF YOU USE YOUR MAGIC TO REMOVE THE WATER AROUND US, WE'LL FINISH QUICKLY!

I TELL YOU, I DON'T HAVE SUCH MAGIC! WHY HAVEN'T YOU USED BLASTING POWDER?

CLANG

CLANG









IN PANIC, MARK RACES BACK TO THE OCEAN...

THE CURSE IS COMPLETE! I'LL SPEND 5,000 YEARS LIKE THIS! BUT THIS IS NO TIME TO THINK OF MYSELF! THERE'S A STORM BREWING! WITHOUT THE WARNING BEACON, SHIPS WILL SURELY BE WRECKED!

BAAA-ROOH

I'VE GOT TO FIND A WAY TO SMASH THAT BOULDER! BUT HOW... HOW?

SPLASH

SO YOU HAVE RETURNED WITHOUT THE TNT-- AND BEEN CHANGED, TOO! NOW YOU ARE TRULY ONE OF US! TAKE THIS HAMMER AND GET TO WORK!

THAT MIGHT BE THE ANSWER WHERE DID YOU FIND THE HAMMER?

FIND IT? HA! WE MADE IT--AS WELL AS ALL THE OTHER TOOLS! HERE, I'LL SHOW YOU! WATCH THIS SHIP'S BELL!

GREAT SCOTT! THE CURSE THAT CHANGED HIS BODY ALSO GAVE HIM FANTASTIC STRENGTH-- ENOUGH TO SQUEEZE THAT IRON BELL AS THOUGH IT WERE CLAY--

--INTO A PICK! MY PLAN MIGHT JUST WORK! QUICK--ALL OF YOU-- HELP ME GATHER AS MUCH METAL AS WE CAN FROM THE OCEAN!



NOT LONG AFTER...

THAT SHOULD BE ENOUGH! NOW WE'RE GOING TO SQUEEZE AND JOIN ALL THAT IRON INTO A SINGLE, THIN ROD, TALLER THAN THE LIGHTHOUSE! LET'S GO!

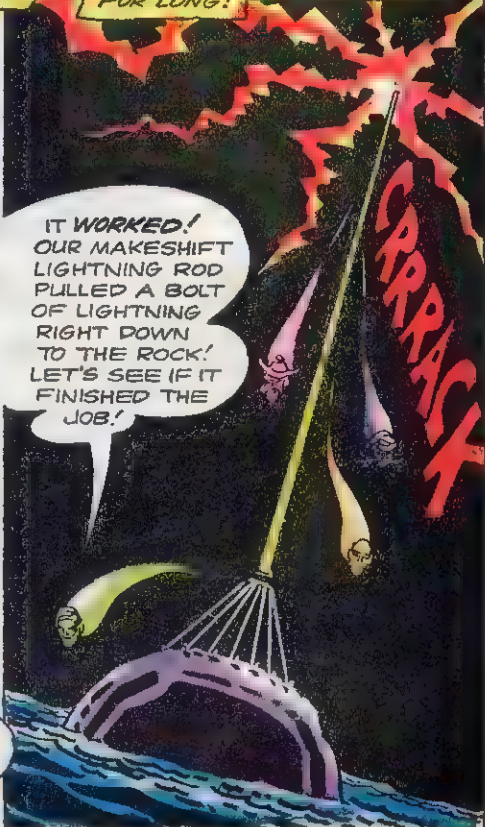


WITH THE JOB DONE, THE ROD IS EXTENDED ABOVE THE SURFACE...



THAT'S IT! HOLD IT IN PLACE! I'LL HAVE IT FASTENED TO THE BOULDER IN A MINUTE!

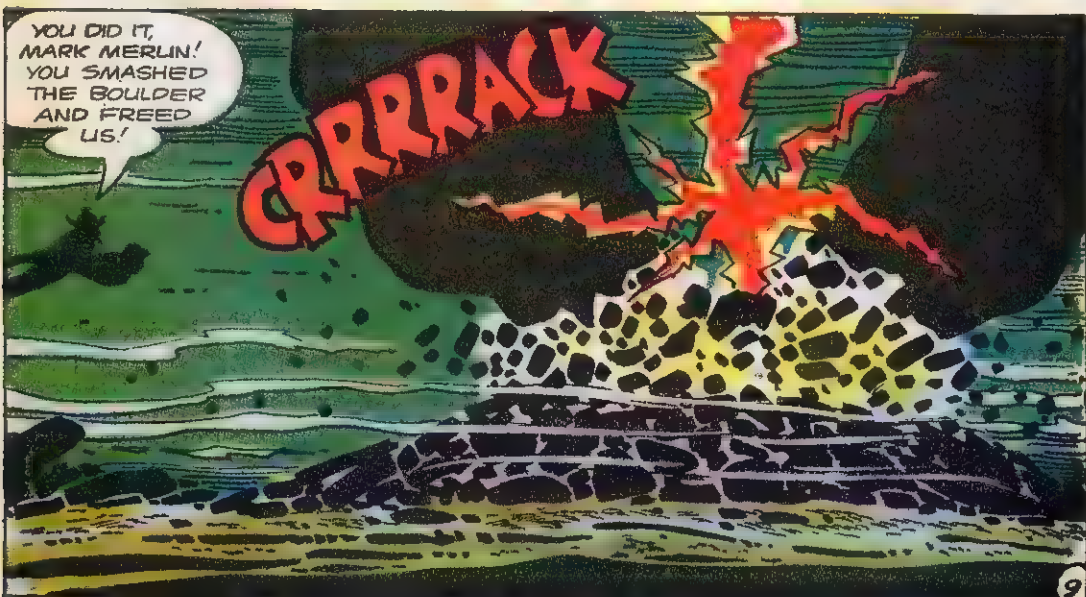
THE ROD IS SECURED, AND THEN THEY WAIT... BUT NOT FOR LONG!



IT WORKED! OUR MAKESHIFT LIGHTNING ROD PULLED A BOLT OF LIGHTNING RIGHT DOWN TO THE ROCK! LET'S SEE IF IT FINISHED THE JOB!

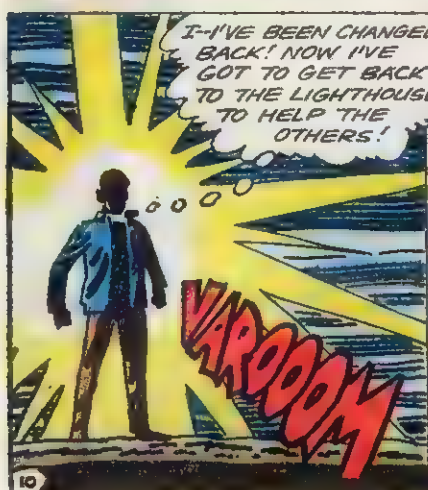
**CRACK**

YOU DID IT, MARK MERLIN! YOU SMASHED THE BOULDER AND FREED US!



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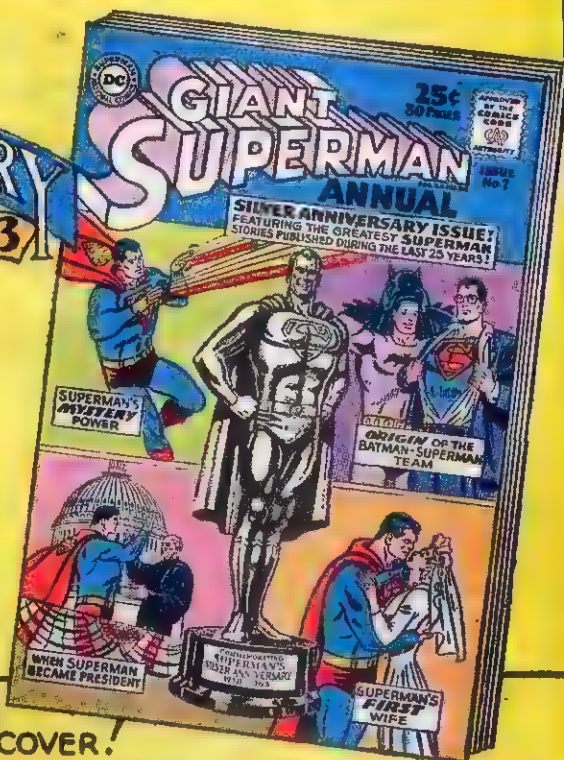
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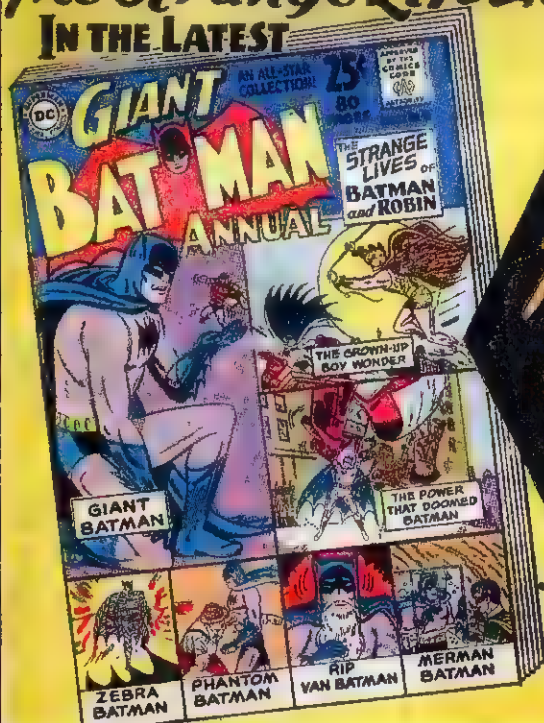


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NO-- BUT I WILL **BUY** THAT DOOR FROM YOU... FOR THAT SUM!

THE DOOR? IT IS WORTH MUCH MORE! IT IS THE ONLY RELIC OF OUR PAST GLORY! STILL, WE MUST HAVE THE MONEY OR OUR LANDS WILL BE FORFEIT!

THE SALE WAS MADE, AND SOON...

HA! IF THOSE

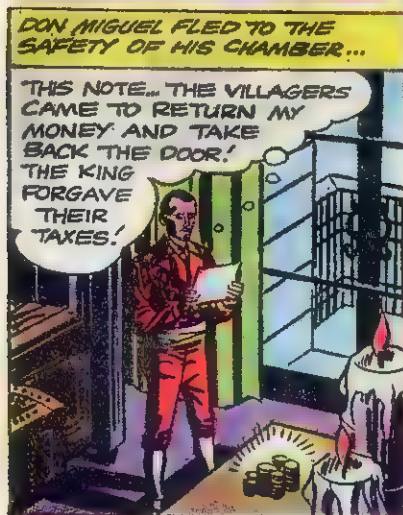
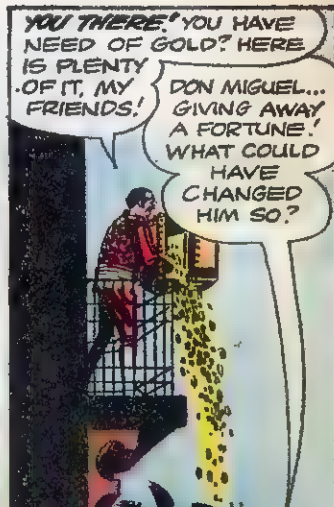
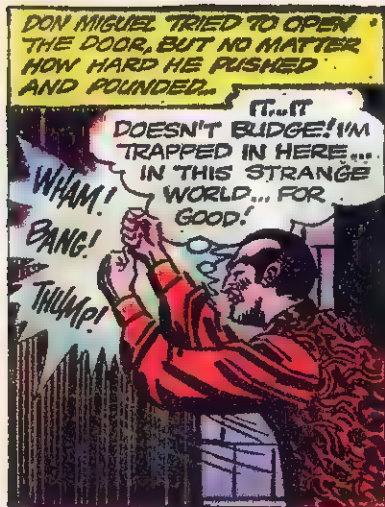
STUPID VILLAGERS ONLY KNEW THE SECRET OF THIS DOOR... THAT SINCE IT HUNG IN THE RUINS, ONE CAN PASS THROUGH IT INTO ANOTHER WORLD WHERE A FABULOUS TREASURE WAITS!

I CAN WALK RIGHT THROUGH--

...INTO ANOTHER WORLD!... WHAT'S THAT? A CHEST FULL OF GOLD! I'LL BE RICHER THAN BEFORE!

THE DOOR--I CAN'T GO BACK! IT'S BECOME SOLID!





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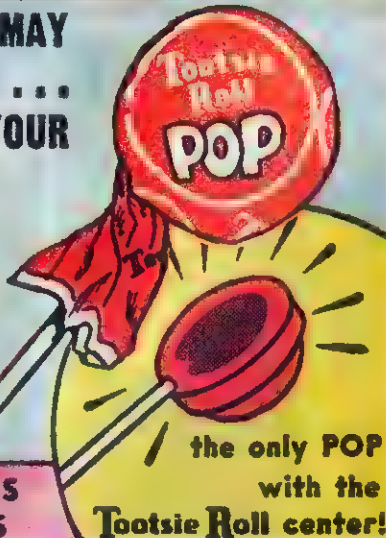
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Dear Mark: Here's my vote to continue "the cat charm," which you introduced in "The Captive of the Cat Curse." I hope many of my fellow-readers agree with me. Because of the superstitions generally associated with the feline, I think a wonderfully suspenseful series can be developed, and I, for one, am looking forward to it.

Ronald Troyer, Granite City, Ill.

*A loud chorus of approval echoes the above sentiments. Among the best comments were those of Bob MacAvoy, East Cleveland, Ohio; Joseph Bianculli, So. Boston, Mass.; Helene Jamison, Boston; Pamela Russell, New York City; Josh Jacobs, Paterson, N. M.; and Terry Kelly, Somerset, Va.*

Dear Mark: Some issues ago, you ran a list of Lucky 13's which was submitted by T. O'K. of St. Paul, Minn. Here's a list of prominent events that I've compiled, each of which occurred on Friday the 13th and dispels the notion that it is an unlucky day:

The first election to be held in North America; the first settlement in Georgia; the construction of the White House; the appointment of George Washington as Commander-in-Chief; the birth of Horatio Alger; the composition of "The Star Spangled Banner"; the birthdays of Gen. John J. Pershing and Thomas Jefferson; the names of eight presidents made up of 13 letters: Herbert Hoover, Woodrow Wilson, Andrew Johnson, James Knox Polk, James Buchanan, Zachary Taylor, Andrew Jackson.

David Prather, Seattle, Wash.

Dear Mark: Are there, or aren't there such things as ghosts? Maybe you didn't read about the occurrence recently in the palatial home of the American oil billionaire J. Paul Getty. A couple of years ago, he bought a 70-room castle in Surrey, which is 30 miles from London. He spent half a million dollars modernizing the gloomy place, ignoring the legend that since 1777 a couple of poltergeists frequently appeared. All went well until early this year while a servant was vacuuming a carpet, chairs and tables suddenly were overturned as if by invisible hands, frightening the servant almost to death. Mr. Getty took the reported incident in stride. "I've heard the ghosts make themselves known only to the staff," he said with a wry laugh, "so I have nothing to worry about!"

Doug Barber, Spencer Falls, Ill.

*This anecdote should satisfy Howard Fredrick of Itasca, Ill.; Edwin M. Slocum, Brooklyn, N. Y.;*

*Gene Nicklaus, San Francisco; and David Somerset, Puerto Rico, who've inquired about the existence of ghosts.*

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Dear Mark: Talk about mysterious happenings! I heard this on our wireless the other day. A postman making his rounds during the early morning hours in Bangkok, Thailand, reported seeing a green and red fog crumble and scatter over the houses. Police could supply no explanation but managed to capture some of the tangible little pieces, which they sent along to a laboratory for analysis.

Roger Croy, Dorchester, England

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Dear Mark: Here's my contribution to the list of famous folk and their pet superstitions: Although he allegedly speaks on the telephone in his TV appearances, Red Skelton will never do so in his home. Martha Raye will not enter a stage door if it's held open by an actor. Francis Lederer distributes good luck charms to the cast and crew before making every movie. Charles Laughton used to insist that an old, dilapidated hat be included in the first scenes of every picture.

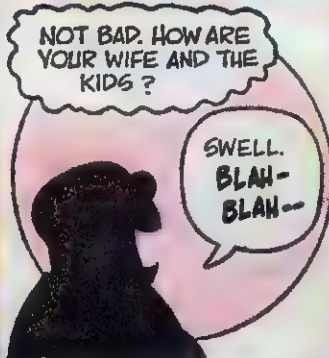
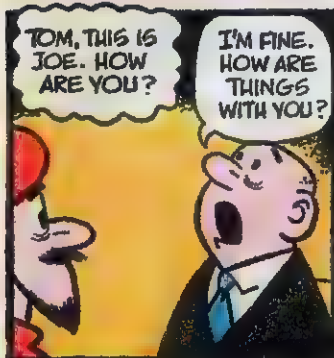
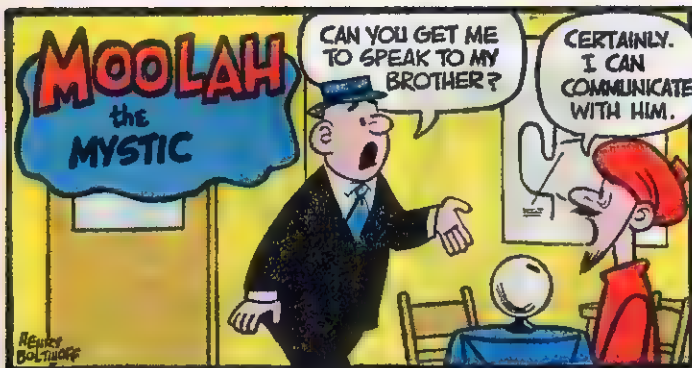
Bing Crosby's good-luck insurance is an old orange sweater, which he bought when he was first signed by Paul Whiteman, who started him on the ladder to success. A silver cartridge case that he got as a boy always was carried by Gary Cooper. To avoid a similar accident that he sustained years ago while wearing new shoes, which resulted in a sprained ankle when he was dancing, Fred Astaire will only wear old dancing pumps. Robert Taylor always knocks wood when he makes a wish.

Insisting that if he returns to fetch something he's forgotten at home or in his studio dressing room, it will bring him bad luck, Spencer Tracy never will go back to retrieve anything. And to wind up these superstitions with a smile, it was Groucho Marx who said: "When a person's nose itches, it's a sign that it should be scratched!"

Joan Harper, Hamilton, Mich.

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DR. BRUCE GORDON IS AWARE OF THE FRIGHTENING FACT THAT DURING AN ECLIPSE HE CHANGES TO HIS OTHER SELF-- THE TREACHEROUS GENIUS, ECLIPSO! YET HE IS UNPREPARED FOR THE TRAP HIS CUNNING FOE SETS ON THE MOST IMPROBABLE BATTLE-FIELD OF ALL-- SPACE-- WHICH ECHOES TO THE...

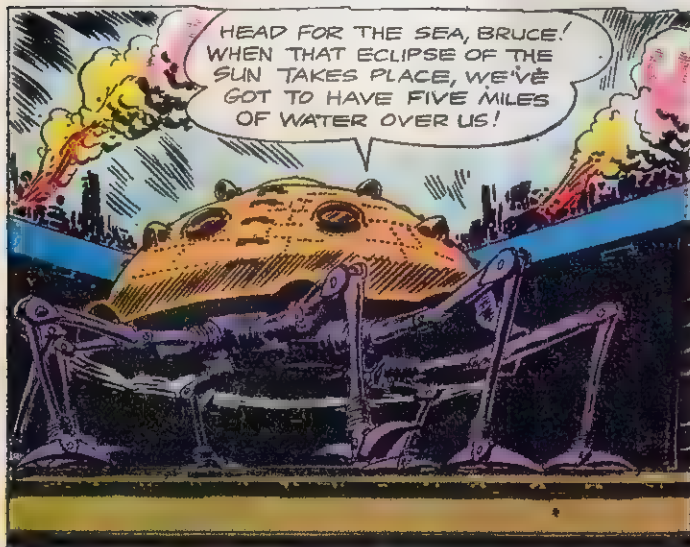
# ECLIPSO

## DUEL of the DIVIDED MAN





FROM THE VAST UNDERGROUND LAB COMPLEX BENEATH THE DEBRIS OF **SOLAR CITY**, AN ELEVATOR RISES BEARING A UNIQUE MACHINE...

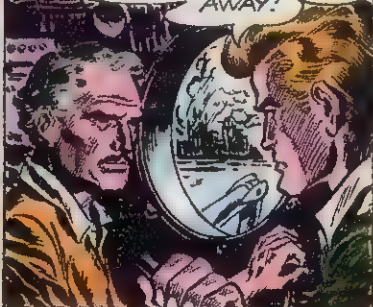


HEAD FOR THE SEA, BRUCE!  
WHEN THAT ECLIPSE OF THE  
SUN TAKES PLACE, WE'VE  
GOT TO HAVE FIVE MILES  
OF WATER OVER US!

INSIDE ARE DR. BRUCE GORDON, BRILLIANT YOUNG SCIENTIST, AND HIS MENTOR, FAMED PHYSICIST PROF. BENNETT...

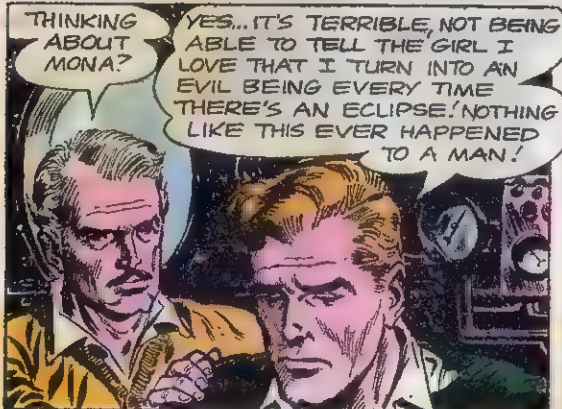
THE DARKNESS OF THE OCEAN DEPTHS MAY PREVENT YOUR TRANSFORMATION INTO...**ECLIPSO!**

I HOPE SO, PROFESSOR! LAST TIME HE APPEARED, HE ALMOST KILLED YOU AND GOT AWAY!



THINKING ABOUT MONA?

YES...IT'S TERRIBLE, NOT BEING ABLE TO TELL THE GIRL I LOVE THAT I TURN INTO AN EVIL BEING EVERY TIME THERE'S AN ECLIPSE! NOTHING LIKE THIS EVER HAPPENED TO A MAN!



BUT OUT OF SIGHT AND HEARING IN A STORAGE LOCKER...

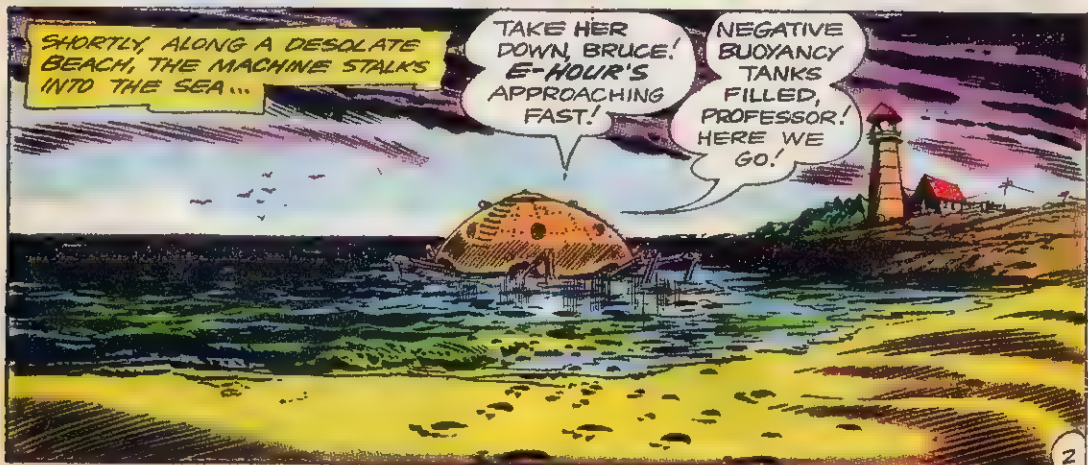
I STOWED AWAY TO FIND OUT WHY BRUCE AND DAD ARE ACTING SO STRANGELY LATELY! THERE'S AN AWFUL MYSTERY ABOUT BRUCE NEITHER WILL REVEAL!



SHORTLY, ALONG A DESOLATE BEACH, THE MACHINE STALKS INTO THE SEA...

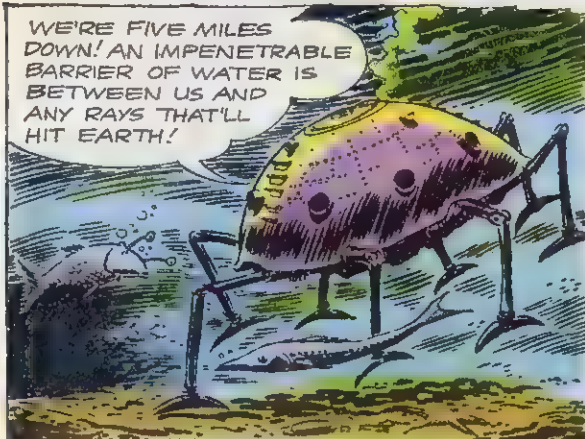
TAKE HER DOWN, BRUCE! E-HOUR'S APPROACHING FAST!

NEGATIVE BUOYANCY TANKS FILLED, PROFESSOR! HERE WE GO!



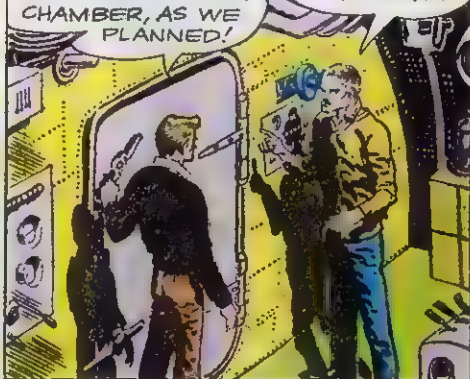


DOWN INTO THE CRUSHING, UNCARING DEPTHS  
PLUNGES THE BATHYSPLHERE--UNTIL ...

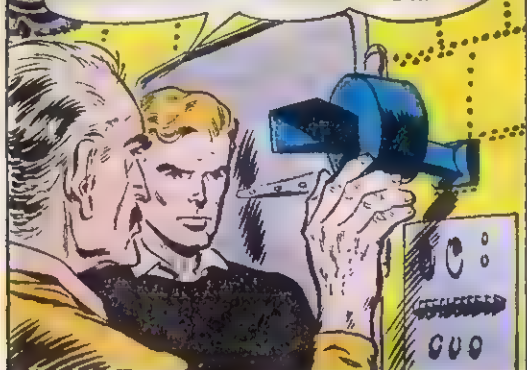


THE ECLIPSE IS DUE  
IN A FEW MINUTES,  
PROFESSOR--I'D  
BETTER CLIMB  
INTO THE ISOLATION  
CHAMBER, AS WE  
PLANNED!

ONCE YOU'RE  
LOCKED  
INSIDE AND  
THE ECLIPSE  
BEGINS...



...I'LL OBSERVE YOU UNDER INFRARED  
RAYS THROUGH THE SPECIAL TUBE WHICH  
BLOCKS ANY OUTSIDE LIGHT FROM  
ENTERING THE CHAMBER! IF I SEE  
YOU CHANGE INTO ECLIPSO...



...I'LL SIMPLY FLOOD  
THE CHAMBER  
WITH A HIGH  
PHOTON LIGHT BURST  
AND CHANGE YOU  
BACK TO YOURSELF!

UNDER NO CIRCUM-  
STANCES MUST  
YOU UNLOCK THE  
HATCH IF  
ECLIPSO'S  
INSIDE! SO LONG  
FOR NOW,  
PROFESSOR!



AS THE HATCH CLOSES BEHIND BRUCE, THE TENSE  
WATCH BEGINS...

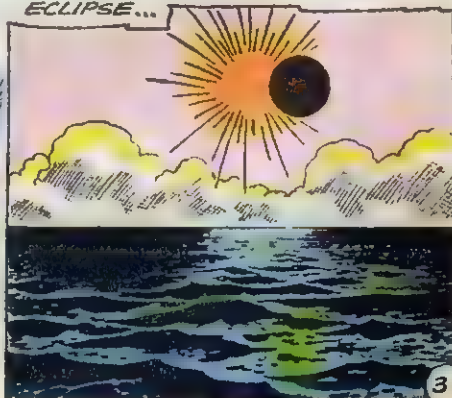
THIRTY MORE SECONDS!  
WILL I CHANGE...?

IT'S GOT TO  
WORK! GOOD  
LUCK, SON!

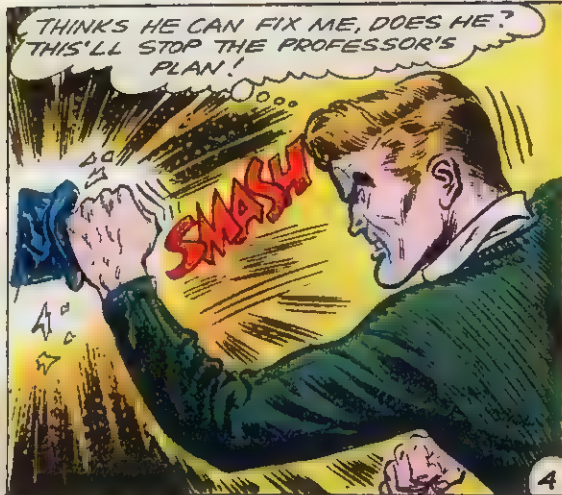
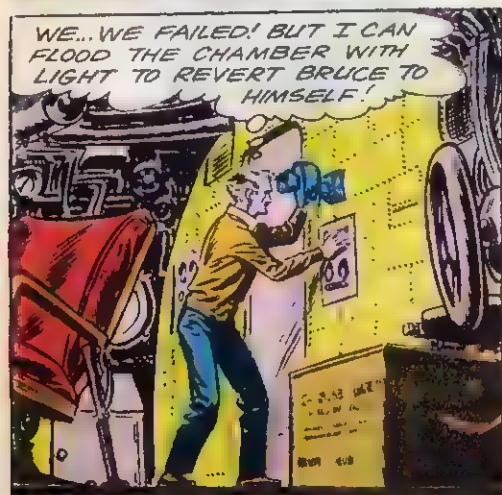
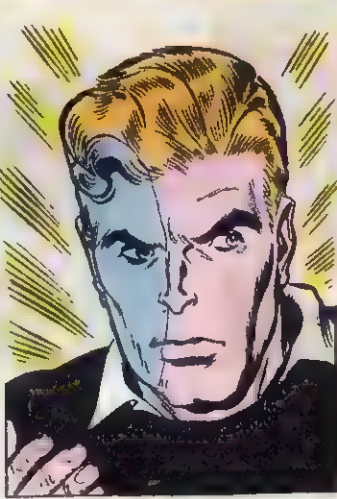
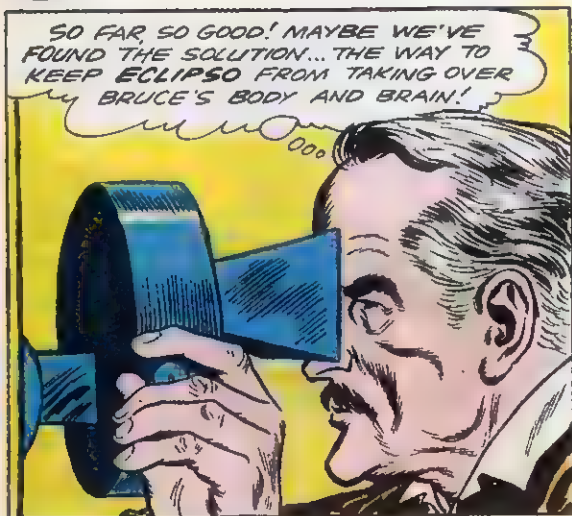
SOMETHING'S  
HAPPENING OUT  
THERE--BUT I'D  
BETTER KEEP  
HIDDEN!



ABOVE THE INKY BLANKET OF THE  
SEA--FAR IN SPACE--ONE OF  
THE UNIVERSE'S MOMENTOUS  
EVENTS BEGINS--A SOLAR  
ECLIPSE...

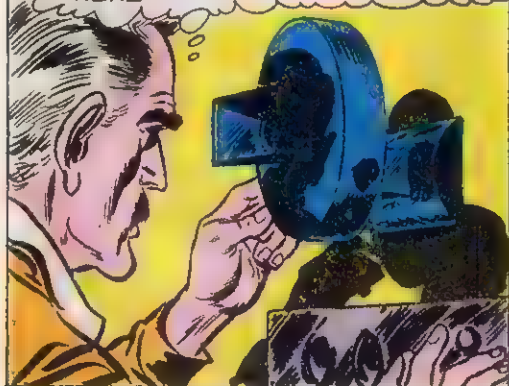








**ECLIPSO!** HE SMASHED THE 'SCOPE THAT ALSO WAS TO EMIT THE LIGHT BURST! I... I DIDN'T FORESEE THIS! I CAN'T DEVISE A NEW LIGHT PROJECTOR DOWN HERE!



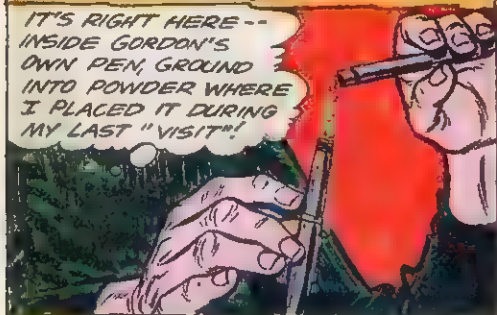
SURE THAT **ECLIPSO** IS HELPLESSLY LOCKED INSIDE THE ESCAPE-PROOF CHAMBER, THE PROFESSOR SURFACES...



MY COSTUME IS HIDDEN WITHIN THE ATOMIC PILE BACK IN GORDON'S LAB... BUT NOT MY BLACK DIAMOND!

LINSCREWING THE FOUNTAIN PEN AND ITS MATCHING PENCIL...

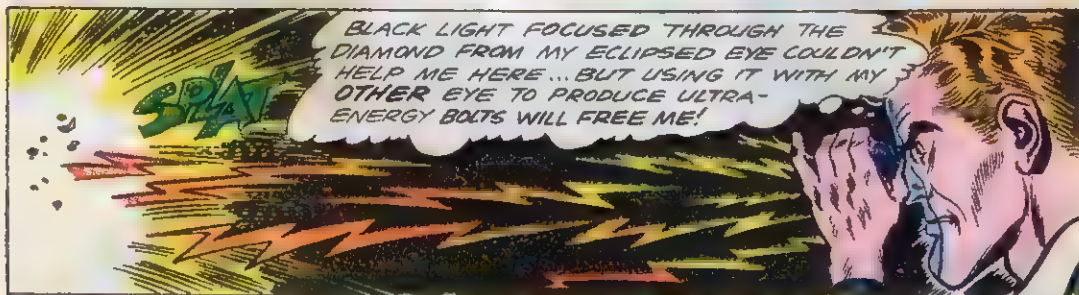
IT'S RIGHT HERE -- INSIDE GORDON'S OWN PEN, GROUND INTO POWDER WHERE I PLACED IT DURING MY LAST "VISIT"!



POURED INTO THE PENCIL IN WHICH IS A CHEMICAL CATALYST... MY RAVEN JEWEL IS RECONSTITUTED... READY TO SERVE ME!



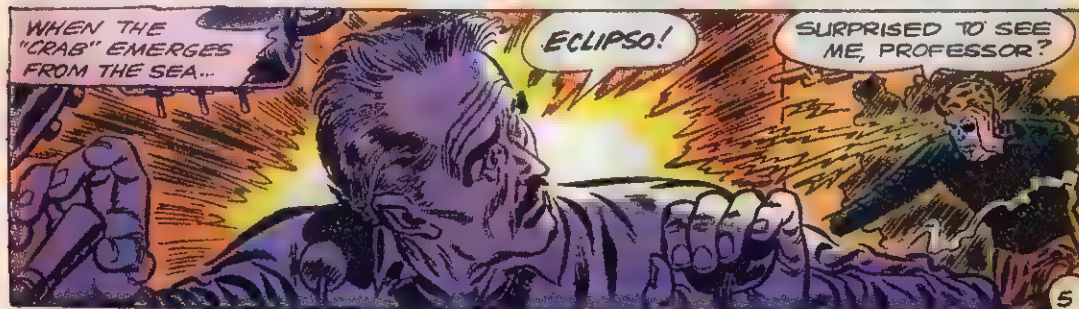
BLACK LIGHT FOCUSED THROUGH THE DIAMOND FROM MY ECLIPSED EYE COULDN'T HELP ME HERE... BUT USING IT WITH MY OTHER EYE TO PRODUCE ULTRA-ENERGY BOLTS WILL FREE ME!



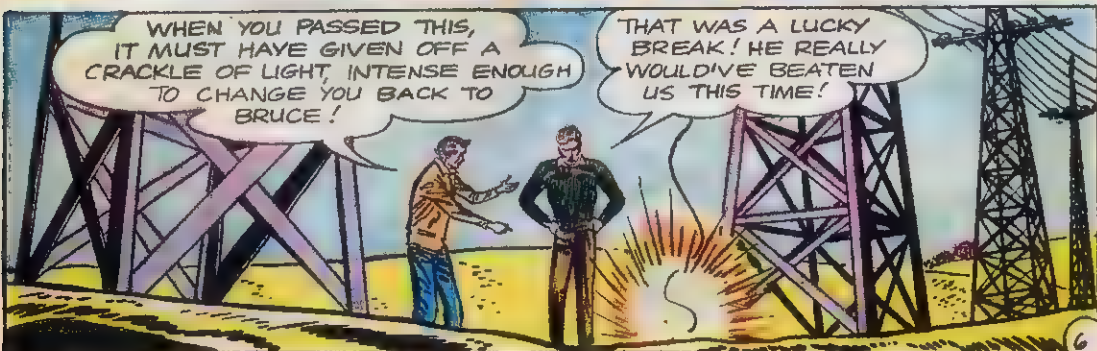
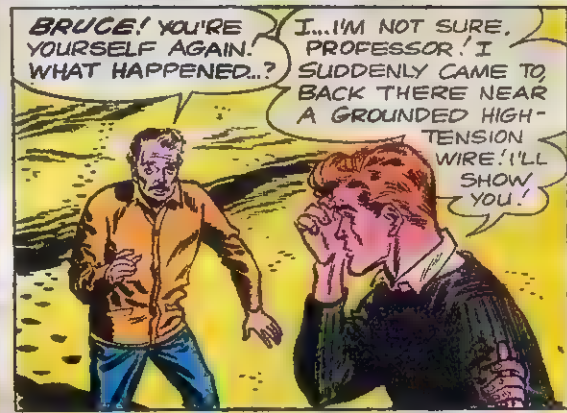
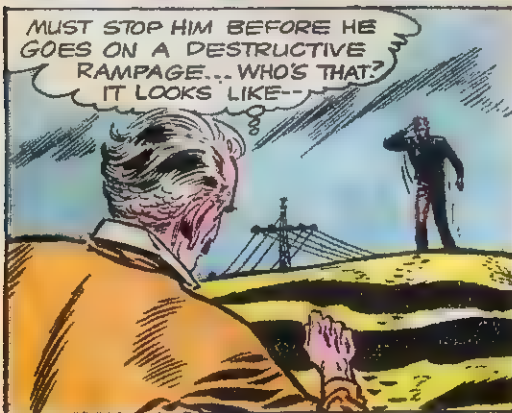
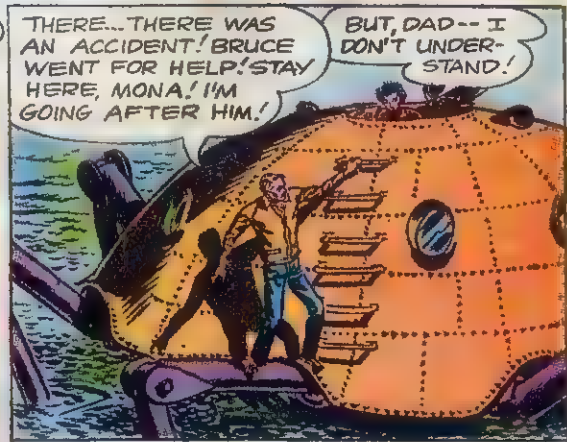
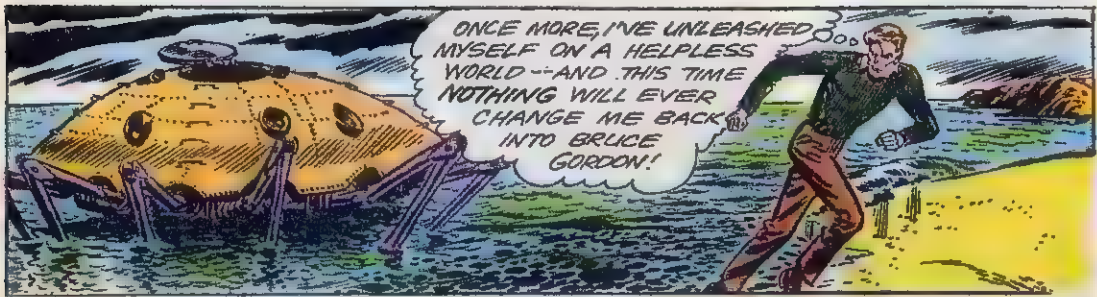
WHEN THE "CRAB" EMERGES FROM THE SEA...

**ECLIPSO!**

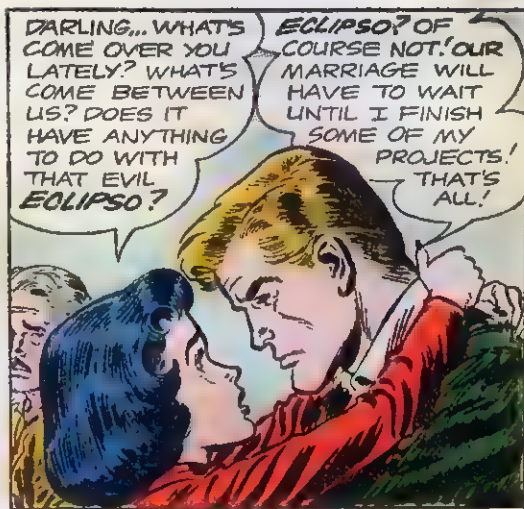
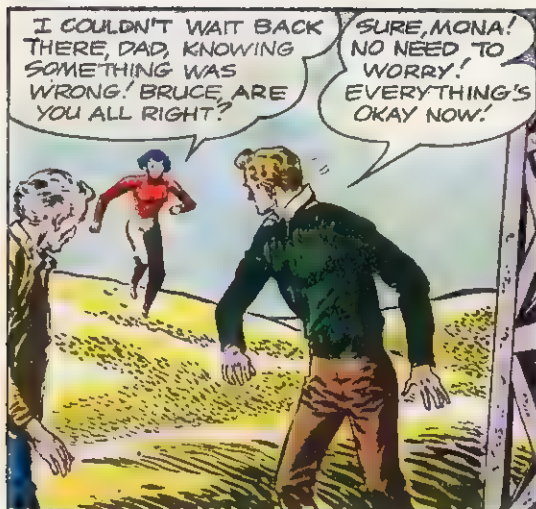
SURPRISED TO SEE ME, PROFESSOR?



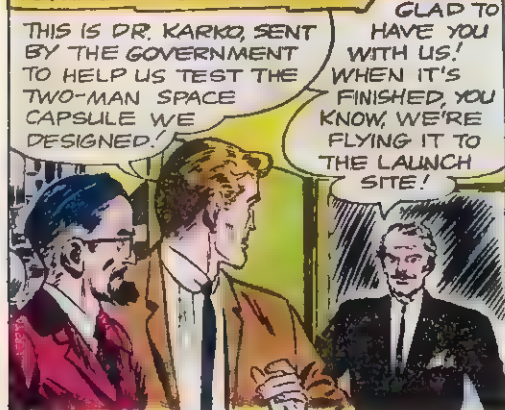




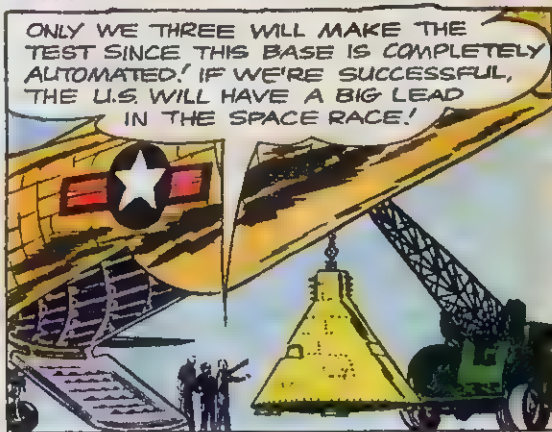




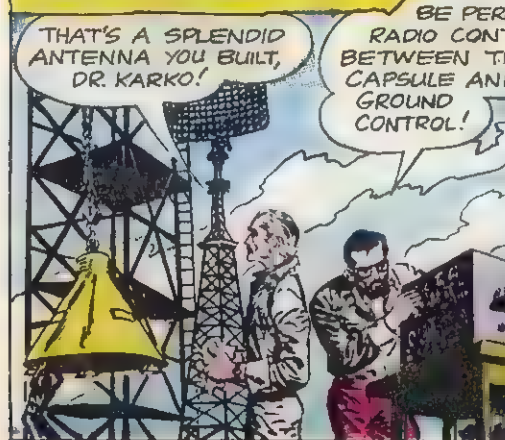
NEXT MORNING, WHEN THE PROFESSOR ARRIVES AT THEIR SECRET LAB BENEATH SOLAR CITY...



A WEEK LATER, AFTER LANDING AT A SMALL DESERT EMPLACEMENT...



IN THE DAYS THAT FOLLOW, FINAL PREPARATIONS ARE MADE...



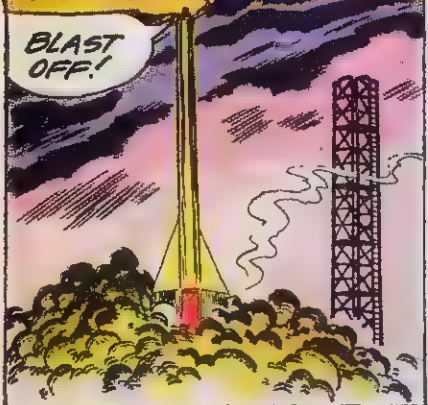
THEN, AS DAWN BREAKS...





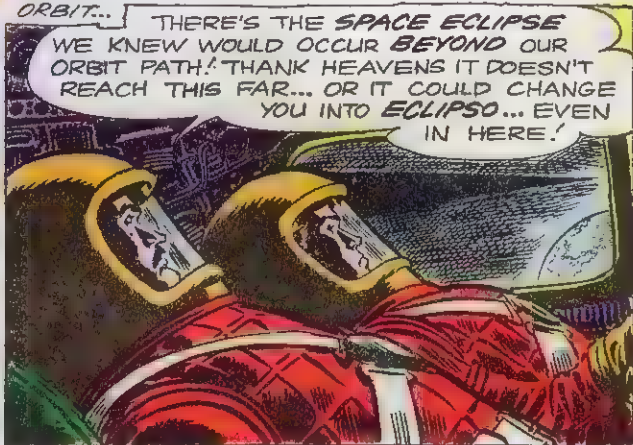
INTO THE EXPERIMENTAL CRAFT  
CLIMBS THE PAIR... SLEEK  
ROCKET ENGINES ROAR TO  
LIFE -- AND...

BLAST  
OFF!



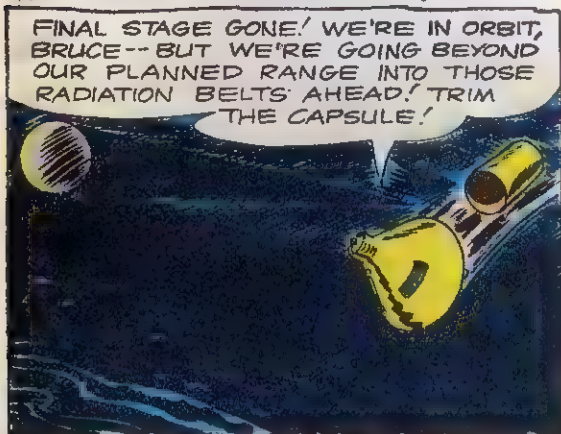
RAPIDLY ACCELERATING, THE MISSILE  
STREAKS SKYWARD, STRAINING TO OBTAIN  
ORBIT...

THERE'S THE **SPACE ECLIPSE**  
WE KNEW WOULD OCCUR **BEYOND** OUR  
ORBIT PATH! THANK HEAVENS IT DOESN'T  
REACH THIS FAR... OR IT COULD CHANGE  
YOU INTO **ECLIPSO**... EVEN  
IN HERE!



ON SPEEDS THE ROCKET, AS, ONE BY ONE,  
ITS BOOSTER STAGES FALL AWAY...

FINAL STAGE GONE! WE'RE IN ORBIT,  
BRUCE -- BUT WE'RE GOING BEYOND  
OUR PLANNED RANGE INTO THOSE  
RADIATION BELTS AHEAD! TRIM  
THE CAPSULE!



BUT THE CAPSULE HURTTLES ON...

BRUCE! STEER  
US BACK TO ORBIT!  
THE RADIATION'S  
OVERHEATING  
THE SHIP!

RELAX, PRO-  
FESSOR! I'M  
DOING IT  
DELIBERATELY.  
TO TEST THE  
CAPSULE'S  
SHIELDING!



AS THE HEAT WITHIN  
GROWS EVEN MORE  
INTENSE...

BRUCE! WHAT'S  
HAPPENING TO  
YOU?



YOUR FACE... IT'S MELTING!  
WHY, YOU... YOU'RE--

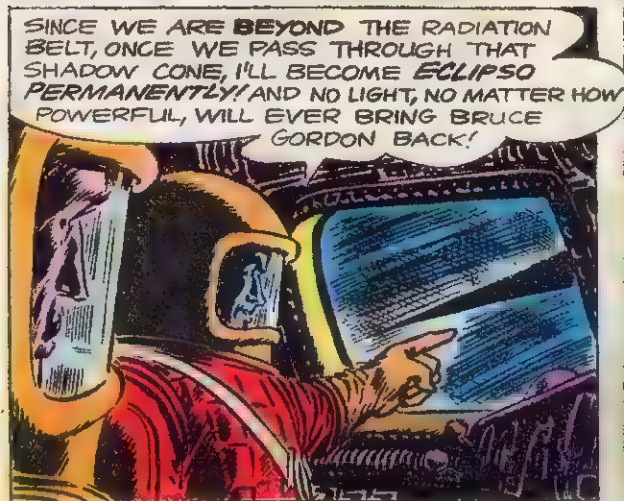
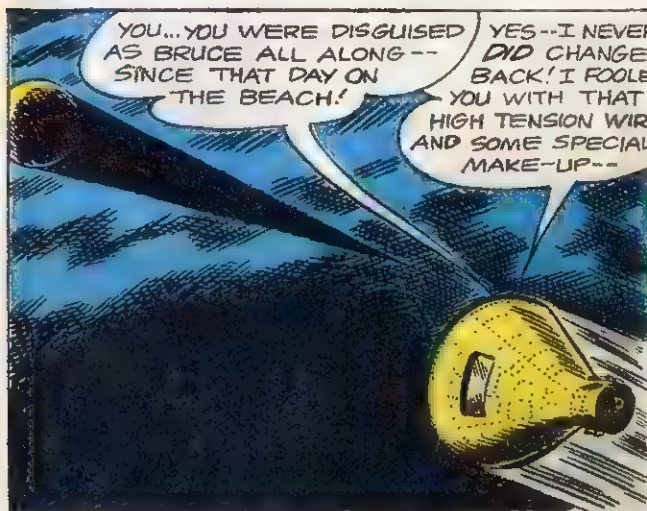


ECLIPSO!

YOU  
WOULD'VE  
KNOWN SOON  
ENOUGH  
SO IT DOESN'T  
MATTER!









BUT AS PROF BENNETT PUSHES THE RETRO BUTTON...

IT'S NOT WORKING!

BEFORE TAKE-OFF, I RENDERED USELESS ALL MANUAL CONTROLS EXCEPT MY OWN! RELAX, PROFESSOR, AND WATCH MY FINAL TRIUMPH! WE WILL REACH THAT SHADOW CONE ... IN FOUR MINUTES!

STREAKING ON, THE CRAFT IS GRAZED BY THE BLAZING TAIL OF A SMALL COMET...

THAT BLAST OF LIGHT IS CHANGING YOU BACK TO BRUCE!

BUT ONLY FOR A FEW MINUTES...

LAZAAAT

...BECAUSE AS SOON AS WE HIT THE ECLIPSE SHADOW, I WILL RETURN FOR GOOD! TO MAKE SURE YOU DON'T CHANGE OUR COURSE, I'M DESTROYING THE ONLY CONTROL!

NOW THE CAPSULE RACES UNALTERABLY TOWARDS THE DARK CONE...

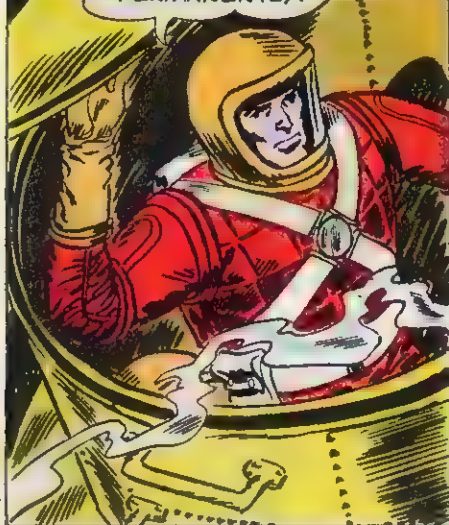
...AND THAT'S HOW YOU GOT HERE, BRUCE! ECLIPSO'S INFERNAL SCHEME TO DESTROY YOU WILL SUCCEED... IN JUST THREE MINUTES!

HE...HE'S MORE CUNNING THAN I EVER DREAMED!



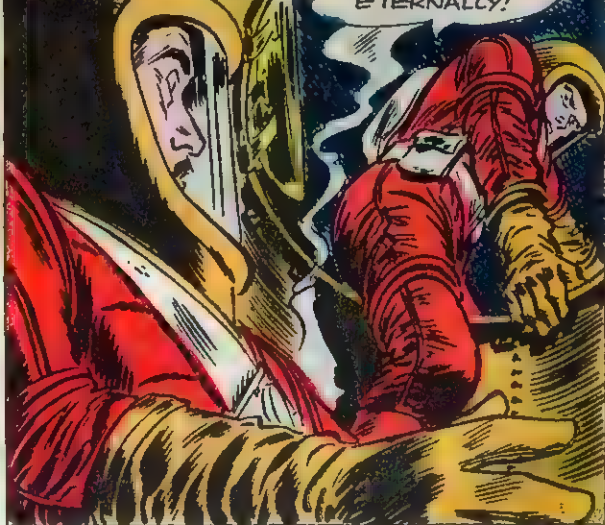
QUICKLY, BRUCE UNSTRAPS HIMSELF, AND OPENS THE HATCH...

THE ONLY WAY TO STOP ECLIPSO FROM RETURNING TO EARTH WITH THE CAPSULE IS TO EJECT MYSELF BEFORE WE HIT THAT SHADOW CONE AND HE POSSESSES ME PERMANENTLY!



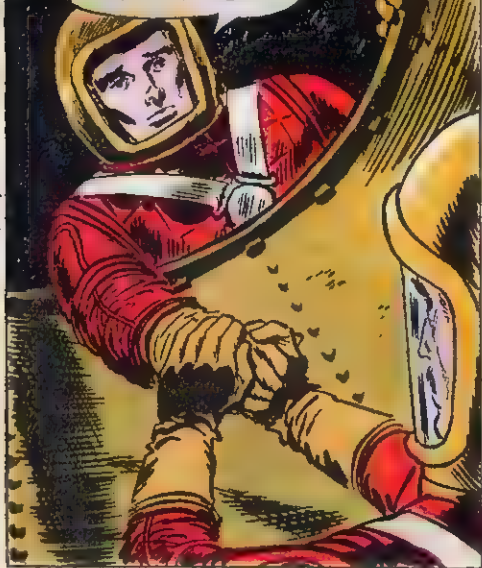
NO! IF YOU DO THAT, YOU'LL FLOAT FOREVER IN SPACE!

I...I'VE GOT TO, PROFESSOR! BRUCE GORDON HAS ONLY TWO MINUTES TO LIVE ANYWAY! BUT IT'LL BE ECLIPSO WHO'LL BE DOOMED TO DRIFT ETERNALLY!



GOODBYE, SIR! IF YOU GET BACK OKAY... TELL MONA I ALWAYS LOVED HER... TELL HER WHY I COULD NEVER MARRY HER!

GOOD... GOODBYE, SON! I'LL NEVER FORGET YOU!

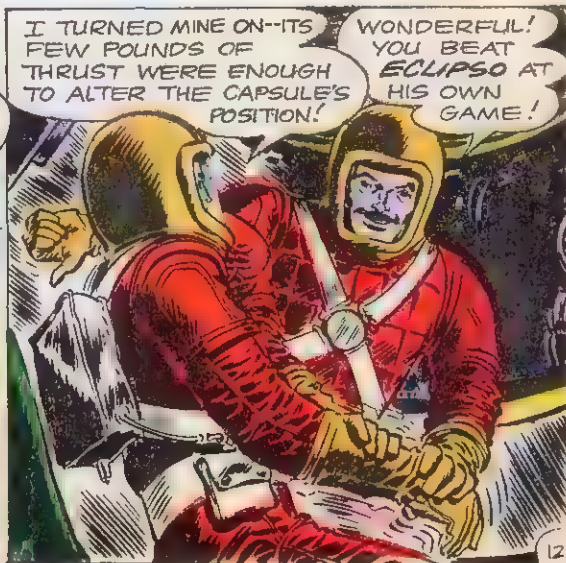
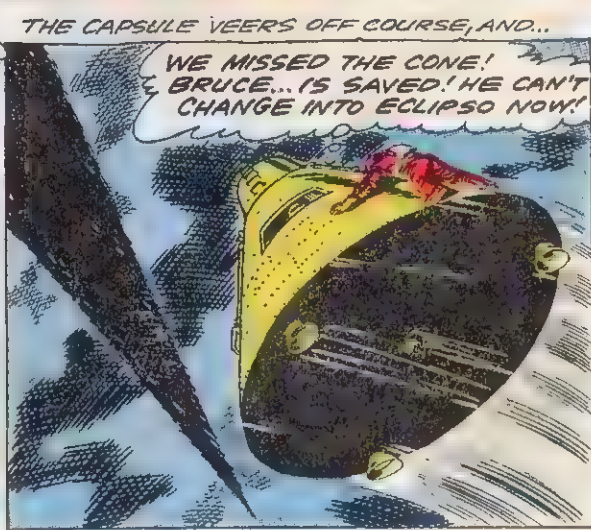
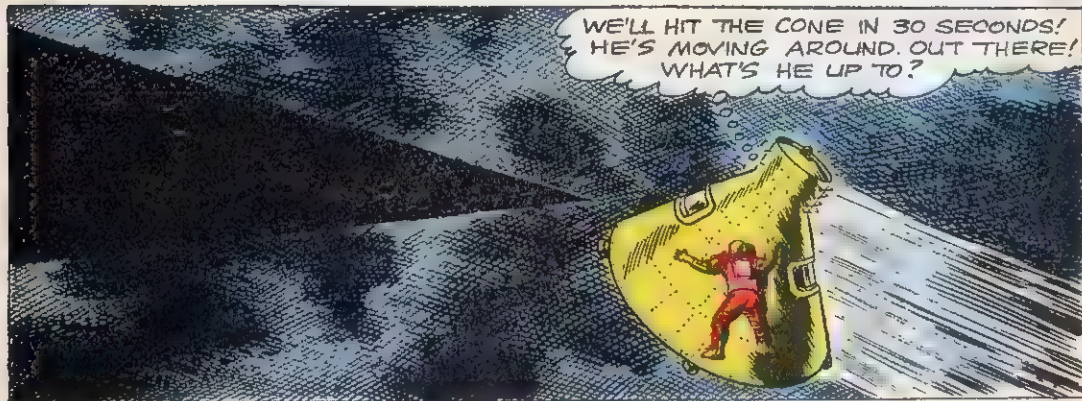


OUT INTO SPACE CLIMBS BRUCE GORDON - IN THE ALMOST AIRLESS VOID, HIS BODY MAINTAINING THE SAME SPEED AS THE STREAKING CAPSULE...

IN ANOTHER MINUTE, WE'LL PASS THROUGH THAT CONE... AND BRUCE WILL CHANGE... HOPELESSLY MAROONED IN SPACE... SACRIFICING HIMSELF TO SPARE HUMANITY!

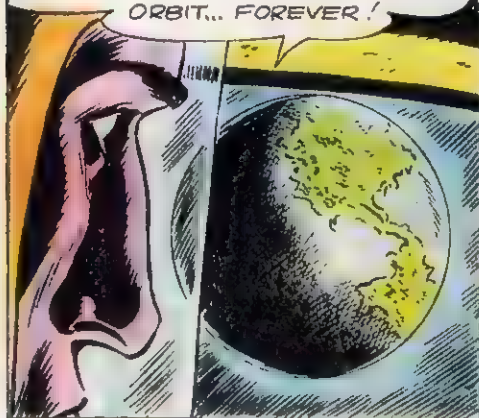








NOT YET! DR. KARKO, HIS ALLY, STILL CONTROLS THE CRAFT FROM EARTH! HE COULD KEEP US IN ORBIT... FOREVER!



ABRUPTLY, A RADIO VOICE INTERRUPTS...

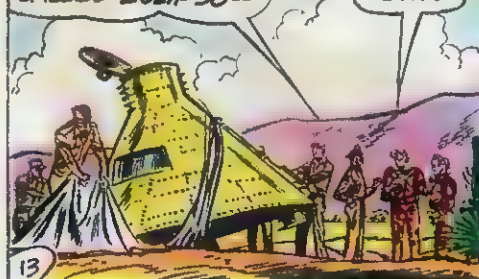
GROUND CONTROL TO CAPSULE! THIS IS COLONEL GRAY, U.S. AIR FORCE! DR. KARKO IS UNDER ARREST! WE HAVE TAKEN OVER AND WILL LAND YOU SHORTLY! STAND BY FOR RE-ENTRY!



RETRO ROCKETS ARE ACTIVATED... THE VEHICLE PITCHES BACK DOWN INTO EARTH'S GRAVITATIONAL GRIP, AND SHORTLY...

KARKO CLAIMED HE HAD AN ACCOMPLICE... CALLED ECLIPSO--

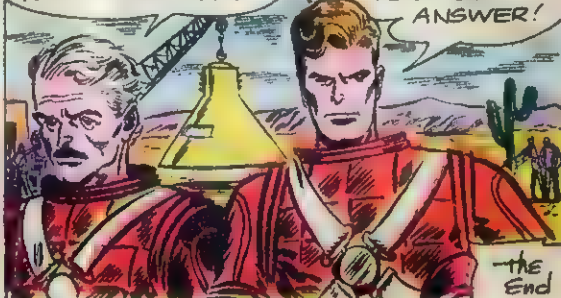
HE DID COLONEL-- BUT ECLIPSO WAS LOST... UP THERE IN THE SKY!



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BUT ECLIPSO WILL RETURN, BRUCE-- WE KNOW NOW NOTHING-- NOT EVEN GOING TO THE SEA'S BOTTOM OR INTO THE VASTNESS OF SPACE-- WILL PREVENT IT!

I'M LOCKED IN A DUEL THAT CAN ONLY END IN HIS EXTINCTION... OR MINE! WHEN THE NEXT ECLIPSE COMES, MAYBE WE'LL GET THE ANSWER!



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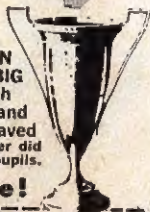
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